



Dear Town/Parish Clerk,

Here is your North Yorkshire Council Parish Update for April 2025. This month's edition includes an update on the Boundary Commission review for North Yorkshire, details of the North Yorkshire Council Plan and much, much more.

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### **1. The Boundary Commission Review: Have Your Say**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has launched public consultation to help refine its proposals for a new pattern of divisions across North Yorkshire. This public consultation ends on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025. To view these proposed changes, sign up to receive updates on the review and to comment on the proposals click [here](#).

## 2. North Yorkshire Council Plan Published

The North Yorkshire Council Plan for 2025-2029 has been published. It sets out North Yorkshire Council's vision, ambitions, and priorities for the next four years, and the approach the Council will take to achieve them. Visit [Council Plan](#) to learn more.

## 3. North Yorkshire Community Resilience: Get Involved

Earlier this month Community Emergency Conferences were held in three different locations across North Yorkshire. They brought together representatives from the emergency response organisations such as North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, North Yorkshire Council and the Environment Agency, alongside different community organisations, from Parish and Town Councils to community anchor organisations and local charity groups.

Communities may need to rely on their own resources to minimise the impact of an emergency before the emergency services arrive. Emergencies can take many forms, from small house fires through to widespread loss of electricity or flooding. Many communities already help each other in times of need, but experience shows that those who are prepared cope better during an emergency. Communities with local knowledge, enthusiasm and information are a great asset and a community emergency plan can help.

Having a community emergency plan and knowing what to do if there is an emergency can help your community respond and recover more quickly. Communities should consider:

- A co-ordination or meeting point, such as a village hall
- A short-term safe refuge places for people displaced from their homes
- Emergency volunteers
- Useful emergency equipment
- Vulnerable people in the community
- Useful emergency contacts

The North Yorkshire Resilience & Emergencies Team can provide you with support to develop your Community Plan, including:

- A simple template and help to tailor it to your community
- Attending your Parish or Town Council meeting to promote the scheme
- Providing maps of your community or parish
- Signing you up to local warnings such as those from the [Met Office](#) and [Environment Agency](#)
- Signposting you to preparing for an emergency advice such as the [Yorkshire Ready Together website](#)
- Directing you to further advice and guidance such as the [Community Risk Register](#) and the [NYLRF Website](#)

For more information, advice and guidance please contact  
[Emergency@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Emergency@northyorks.gov.uk)

## **4. How to Respond to Planning Applications: Guidance Published**

The National Association of Local Councils and CPRE, the countryside charity, has launched an update to their resource for responding to planning applications – ‘How to respond to Planning Applications’. It is available here:

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/how-to-respond-to-planning-applications/>

## **5. Register of Interest Forms: Update**

When submitting or updating Register of Interests please make sure the attached Register of Interests form is being used for consistency. This is the most up to date version. Register of Interests should also be updated on the Parish Council’s own website if you have one. Please also find attached a Guidance Note for completing the Register of Interest Form.

## **6. Funding Opportunity: YOR4Good**

The YOR4Good Fund is currently open for applications of cash grants, generally up to a maximum value of £10,000 per grant application. This round of the fund will close 31st May 2025 and applications will not be accepted after this date. Town and Parish Councils are eligible to apply so for further information please click [here](#).

## **7. Flying a Flag: A Plain English Guide**

With a number of community events being held across North Yorkshire to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May it might be worth reading the government’s ‘Plain English Guide to Flying Flags’ which can be found [here](#). The guide provides a brief summary of the regulations so that individuals and organisations, including Town and Parish Councils, can easily understand when they can fly a flag in England without the need for consent.

## **8. Bus Franchising**

Buses in most parts of the country were privatised in 1985 but most combined authorities are now seeking to take back control. If this subject is of interest to you, please see a recent article published by the Local Government Chronicle for more details: <https://www.lgcplus.com/services/service-delivery/bus-franchising-most-mayors-set-to-follow-manchester-08-04-2025/>

## 9. Parish.UK Website

The Parish Liaison team recently received a query from a parish council about the following website <https://parish.uk/> and are sharing information more widely to raise awareness. Please note Parish.uk is not an organisation with any links to North Yorkshire Council, National Association of Local Councils, the Local Government Association or Central Government. It is up to individual Town or Parish Councils to decide if they wish to engage with Parish.UK.

## 10. Waste Prevention & Recycling News May 2025

Please see the attached PDF document for information about a series of waste prevention and recycling activities taking place across the county in May.

## 11. Sign Up for North Yorkshire Council's Cultural Network Newsletter

By signing up to North Yorkshire Council's Cultural Network Newsletter you can find out what the team has been working on, explore exciting opportunities for collaboration, and stay up to date on the latest cultural events and projects happening across North Yorkshire. The team is here to support creativity and help grow the cultural scene across North Yorkshire. The April newsletter included a call out for musicians from Stokesley Town Council which is increasing its cultural offer and is looking for musicians to perform in the town. Any musicians interested in this opportunity, please [contact@stokesleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:contact@stokesleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

- Sign up for the newsletter here: <https://northyorkshire-council.com/p/4BPJ-ZAI/cultural-network-sign-up>
- Contact the team who produce the newsletter here: [Culture@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Culture@northyorks.gov.uk)

## 12. Current North Yorkshire Council Consultations

For details of current North Yorkshire Council Consultations, and to have your say on a range of issues, please visit [here](#).

## 13. North Yorkshire Council News

For details of current North Yorkshire Council news and updates, please visit [here](#).

## 14. Assets of Community Value: Update

If you want to contact our team about Assets of Community Value, you can get in touch via [email](#) or through the [contact form on the website](#). The complete list of 'Assets of Community Value' can be found [here](#)

**a) Live Nominations**

There is one current Asset of Community Value nomination that is pending a decision:

- Long Preston Methodist Chapel. The decision is due to be taken on 30 April 2025 and decision information will be published after this.
- Dawnay Arms, Shipton by Beningbrough. The decision is due to be taken on 18 June 2025 and decision information will be published after this.

**b) Live Moratorium Periods**

Moratoriums are periods of time during which the owner of land listed as an Asset of Community Value cannot make a non-exempt relevant disposal, other than to an eligible voluntary or community body. There are two types of moratorium periods, both running from the same start date (when the owner notifies the local authority of an intention to sell):

- The interim moratorium - six weeks
- The full moratorium - six months

There are Assets of Community Value that are currently in moratorium periods:

- The Golden Lion, Main Street, Helperby, YO61 2NT. Full moratorium period ending at midnight on 13 August 2025, more information can be found [here](#).
- St Andrews Church Hall, Newmarket Street, Skipton, BD23 2JE. Full moratorium period ending at midnight on 29 July 2025, more information can be found [here](#).

**And finally, for one last time - A Quick Reminder: The Transition from the Parish Portal to the Customer Portal**

Can we remind those of you who have yet to register for a Customer Account that this is the most effective way of reporting issues in your area.

Please read through the steps below to ensure your account is correctly linked as a parish account.

**Step 1**

Visit <https://myaccount.northyorks.gov.uk/> or click this link: [Register for My account here](#)

**Step 2**

Enter the details for your parish.

1. First name: Place, e.g. Appleton le Street with Easthorpe
2. Last name: Organisation type, e.g. Parish Council, Town Council, City Council, Parish Meeting

3. Date of birth:
  1. Day: 1
  2. Month: 1
  3. Year: 2000
4. Postcode: DL7 8AD and select County Hall, Northallerton
5. Email address: for your parish account use the same as the contact listed here [Parish councils contact details | North Yorkshire Council](#)

### **Step 3**

Choose whether you want to receive council news and updates.

### **Step 4**

Once submitted, you'll receive an email with a link to set a new password. After setting a new password you should be able to log in and you're ready to use your parish account.

IMPORTANT: North Yorkshire Council's 'My account' is designed to handle a broader range of services. Please do not submit any personal related reports through this platform using your parish account.

If you experience any problems when registering for, or accessing, an account please contact the Parish Liaison team at [parishliaison@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:parishliaison@northyorks.gov.uk)

Thank you for reading this month's Parish Update and please don't forget to look out for the next edition which will be published on **28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.

Kind regards

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